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WHEREAS, Repair the World was founded in 2009 to inspire Jewish Americans to serve those in need and to build strong, resilient communities; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception, Repair the World: Pittsburgh has hosted meaningful community service events and community engagement workshops to aid individuals in need throughout Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, this year, Repair the World: Pittsburgh has partnered with Kelly Strayhorn Theater, Fygment, AlphaLab Gear, Ascender, Forbes Funds, Work Hard Pittsburgh, Innovation Works, AlphaLab, Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, and Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Community Relations Council to host the Social Justice Innovation Weekend; and,

WHEREAS, during the Social Justice Innovation Weekend, teams of entrepreneurs will work with industry mentors on Saturday and Sunday to develop products or create startups in the areas of Art Innovation, Faith-based Innovation, and Innovation through Technology to address critical social problems; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday evening, the teams will pitch their ideas to a panel of judges and continue the discussion on how to bridge the gap between social justice and technology, how to embrace Pittsburgh's thriving startups and entrepreneurship sector to solve pressing social issues in our communities, and how to create a more inclusive Pittsburgh region; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and value the efforts of the organizations and participants associated with Repair the World's Social Justice Innovation Weekend and does hereby celebrate the event's important mission of embracing technology and entrepreneurship to serve and transform Pittsburgh's communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 17th to February 20th, 2017 to be **"Repair the World Social Justice Innovation Weekend"** in the City of Pittsburgh.